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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 13, 2003, the above-identified application has been allowed and formal drawings are now required. Pursuant to the Notice, 16 sheets of formal drawings, FIGS. 1-8, 9a, 9b, 10-18, 19a-19g, 20, are enclosed.

Please substitute the enclosed formal drawings, FIGS. 1-8, 9a, 9b, 10-18, 19a-19g, 20, for the informal drawings, FIGS. 1-8, 9a, 9b, 10-18, 19a-19g, 20, previously filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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